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Sir:

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U.S. Patent 6,362,470
U.S. Patent 6,476,955
U.S. Patent 6,667,820
U.S. Patent 6,667,822
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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0154208
U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0001944
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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office-Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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